

From: Brian Sikma, Media Trackers [brian@mediatrackers.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2013 8:14 AM
To: Colletti, Jon
Subject: Re: Obtaining documents related to possible violations at wastewater plant

Hi John,

Got it. I'm working on a deadline so the sooner the better but I understand.

Also, what would the time frame be for those DMRs for this facility?

Thanks!
-Brian

On Thu, Feb 7, 2013 at 8:12 AM, <Colletti.John@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:
probably next week.

-----"Brian Sikma, Media Trackers" <brian@mediatrackers.org> wrote: -----

To: John Colletti/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
From: "Brian Sikma, Media Trackers" <brian@mediatrackers.org>
Date: 02/07/2013 08:04AM
Subject: Re: Obtaining documents related to possible violations at wastewater plant

Hi John,

Thanks for your help! I wasn't sure if the form FOIA request was sent to you or not so I wanted to cover my bases. Thanks much for taking a look at this.

Do you know roughly when I could see those NPDES permits?

Thanks!
-Brian

On Thu, Feb 7, 2013 at 7:30 AM, <Colletti.John@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:
Hi Brian,

Yes I had received your request and sent it to the person that works with ECHO to see what information he could provide and to see if he needed a FOIA request. I have not heard back from him.

Regarding your second request for the permits, I see you also did this through FOIA. We will provide you with the permits. The facility's permit is expired so we will send you that permit and if we have its prior permit, we will send that too. We are in the process of reissuing the permit and will put you on the mailing list for the public notice which is expected in early March.

John

-----"Brian Sikma, Media Trackers" <brian@mediatrackers.org> wrote: -----

To: John Colletti/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
From: "Brian Sikma, Media Trackers" <brian@mediatrackers.org>

Date: 02/06/2013 04:49PM

Subject: Fwd: Obtaining documents related to possible violations at wastewater plant

Mr. Colletti,

I was wondering if you had received my below request and if you had a chance to look into this matter.

In addition to information mentioned below, I am also seeking the current NPDES permit for the Bad River Band facility and the last NPDES permit issued to the facility before the Bad River Band gained authority over its own CWA standards development.

Thanks!

-Brian

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From: **Brian Sikma, Media Trackers** <brian@mediatrackers.org>

Date: Mon, Feb 4, 2013 at 3:33 PM

Subject: Obtaining documents related to possible violations at wastewater plant

To: colletti.john@epa.gov

Mr. Colletti:

I am with an independent watchdog organization that is working on a possible report about alleged Clean Water Act violations at the Bad River Band wastewater treatment facility in Odanah, Wisconsin. What should I do to obtain copies of reports on file with the EPA that could shed light on this matter? According to the ICIS-NDPES data that I've located through the EPA's ECHO system, it seems that the facility has some problems ([example](#)).

Should I file a FOIA request or are these documents something that I can just request from you? In particular, I am looking for reports showing non-compliance on the part of the facility with EPA-enforced CWA standards. This could be regular reports filed by the facility or, if such things exist, internal EPA documents noting that the facility is at times out of compliance.

Thank you for your help in this matter!

Regards,
Brian Sikma

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